

submitted that it would not be a hardship on the Examiner to search both the claims of Group I and Group II given the overlapping nature of the claims.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1076.41061X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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